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In re Application of:
Makoto ONOZAWA, et al.
Application No. 09/702,889
Filed: November 1, 2000
For: PLASMA DISPLAY APPARATUS AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD

Technology Center 2100

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

This is a decision on the petition filed 21 December 2005 under 37 CFR § 1.181 to invoke Supervisory Authority of the Commissioner and require the Examiner to withdraw the Final rejection mailed 27 April 2005.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

On 21 December 2005, applicant's counsel filed a petition to the Director under 37 CFR § 1.181 to seek relief from actions of the examiner Fritz Alphonse and SPE Albert Decady in relation to the Final Office action mailed 27 April 2005. In the petition, applicant's counsel alleged that the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph was introduced for the very first time; thus, rendered the Final Office action premature.

On 17 January 2006, applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the required fee, a preliminary amendment and a petition for one (1) month extension of time.

37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f) states, in part:

The mere filing of a petition will not stay any period for reply that may be running against the application, nor act as a stay of other proceedings. Any petition ...

37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d) states, in part:

If an applicant timely files a submission and fee set forth in § 1.17(e), the Office will withdraw the finality of any Office action and the submission will be entered and considered. If an applicant files a request for continued examination ...

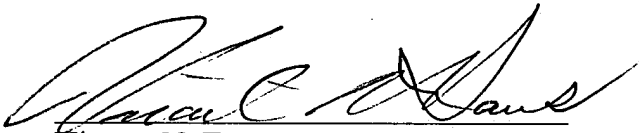
As stated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), the mere filing of a petition will not stay any period for reply that may be running against the application. A delay to render a decision on this petition is hereby regretted.

In view of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d) and the timely filing an RCE with the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(e) and an amendment that meets the reply requirements of 37 CFR § 1.111, the Office is hereby withdrawn the finality of any Office action to which a reply is outstanding and the amendment will be entered and considered.

Accordingly, the petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT.**

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff for processing and entering the RCE and amendment filed on 17 January 2006. Since the petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 requires no fee, Petitioner's Deposit Account No. 19-3935 will be credited \$400.00 for the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.182 paid on 23 December 2005.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent N. Trans', is written over a horizontal line.

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